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Honorable Leo P. Carlin  
Mayor, City of Newark  
City Hall  
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have served as a member of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations since 1954.

During these several years your cooperation with the efforts of the Commission has been tangibly evidenced by such precedent establishing activities as: The Report on Newark - A City In Transition, The Human Relations News, Annual Brotherhood Awards, and scholarships for Human Relations Training.

Recently we discussed the need for an increase in the professional staff of the Commission. I wish, on behalf of all the Commissioners, to acknowledge your solution to the problem. Your presentation before the Council resulted in the passage of the enacting ordinance establishing the position of Assistant to the Executive Director. After a thorough review of applicants for the position, you appointed Miss Ivory Hutchins, a native of Newark, to the Position. There is little doubt but that you will continue to react favorably to every reasonable request of the Commission.

The record of your involvement in intergroup relations and your awareness of the need for working at solutions to intergroup problems is there for all to see. During this coming year there will be many who will review your record of performance. An honest review will have to be favorable.

The Community Relations programs at the Police Academy, through the cooperation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a credit to you and the Police Director who did something constructive to correct poor public attitude about the Police and intergroup relations.

The unfavorable public attitude toward the administration of the school system, although conveyed to the administrators along with offers of assistance from the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, was not accepted by the responsible members of the school administration. The present actions by the N.A.A.C.P. are a result of failure to recognize and act on attitudes of the community.

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In education, housing and employment, failure to recognize change in community patterns and population, and to act accordingly, may lead to errors in judgement that may be disastrous. Seeking advice from intergroup specialists is a sign of strength, not weakness.

The opportunity to work with Dan Anthony and Charles Hayes has been a most worthwhile experience. Dan and Charles are most sincere in their endeavors to reflect you and the city as leaders in the field of intergroup relations. I know that they will continue to serve on your staff of intergroup advisors.

The many people with whom I have served on the Commission, the members of the staffs of the various community agencies, the employees of the several city departments, have all increased my involvement in the activities of this city. Thank you for having permitted me to serve you and the community. This service has enriched my contacts in the community.

It was my intent to send this letter as a year end report of my activities, and to include an acknowledgement of the sincere manner in which you have always met your commitments to the Commission, your accessibility for guidance and counsel, and the record for intergroup relations which has grown during your administration.

I hope that the Commission and its activities will continue to serve you and your administration most favorably and effectively in the current year.

Sincerely yours,